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Re: Application of Tadashi SHIBATA, Eiji NAKAMURA, and Hirofumi AOKI
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Assignee: **BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION**
Our Ref: Q86580

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application. Also enclosed are the first two pages of WO 2004/026954 A1.
- ☒ a copy of Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document (Form PCT/IB/304).
- ☐ 0 sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references. Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report.
- ☒ a copy of each reference (or its related application) cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).



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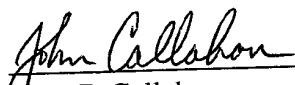
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